The small sized fields would be developed by the companies on their own with no participation by ONGC/OIL under production sharing contracts with the Government of India. The companies would have to pay statutory levies like royalty and cess. Payment for the companies share of oil would be at international market price.

Privatisation of Oil Drilling Centres in Andhra Pradesh

8038. SHRI T. VENKATARAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to private some of the oil drilling centres under the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Oil India Limited, in Andhra Pradesh; and,

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Under the Fourth Round a contract has been signed for exploration of oil and gas in block GN-ON-90|3 which falls partly in Andhra Pradesh and partly in Maharashtra. Again, under the Eighth Round, bids have been received for exploration of oil and gas in the block KG-ON|1 in A.P. Further, bids have also been received for development of following small sized fields in A.P. under the second offer for development of fields:—

Marepalli

Bandamurlanka North

Palakollu-Medapadu

Razole-Chintalapalli.

Supply of LPG Refill Cylinders in Modinagar and Govindpuri

8039. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHAINPURIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of LPG refill cylinders to the consumers by Indian Oil Corporation LPG distributors in Modi Nagar and Govindpuri is very unsatisfactory and irregular;

(b) whether complaints have been received against M|s. Kanishka Enterprises, Modi Nagar, District Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh from the LPG consumers of Modi Nagar; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the above IOC agency so as to ensure that regular supply of LPG refill cylinders is restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. However, during the last few months, there has been disruption of LPG refill supply in the markets in the area including Modinagar and Govindpuri.

(b) and (c) Some complaints have been received regarding delayed refill supplies. During the investigation of complaints, wherever the distributor has not been found prompt in sending refill supplies, warning letter has been issued as per revised Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Platform Project of ONGC

8040. SHRI K. .R MALKANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has a platform porject, as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated the 11th May, 1995;